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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2008 (Paper No. 10142008), finally rejecting claims 43-51, Applicant submits the following items for consideration:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.